



ACTION PLAN TRIVIA!

Find the answers to these questions in the draft of the Arlington Affordable Housing Trust Five Year Action Plan. Need a hint? Refer to the page numbers in each question. Answers can be found on the back of this sheet.

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11. What percentage of Affordable Housing Survey Respondents think new construction of additional housing can improve our community and help address our region's housing shortage or support additional housing if it's how we can best create affordable housing? (Pg. 14)
12. What two laws can be used to get developers to pay for affordable housing? (Pg. 25)
13. If the Trust's goal of creating an additional 100 units of affordable housing during the term of the Plan, would that increase our rate of producing affordable housing, even since the HCA was founded? (Pg. 36)

Read the plan, share your feedback, and register for 9/21 public meeting here!

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ANSWER KEY

1. What percentage of Town Meeting Members approved creation of the Trust? (Pg. 5)
ANSWER: 93%
2. What fraction of Arlington residents spends more than 30% of their income on housing? (Pg. 10) **ANSWER: one third. The term for this is "Housing Cost Burdened."**
3. Of 430 housing vouchers issued in Arlington for extremely low income households, what percentage are being used in Arlington? (pg. 7)
ANSWER: 39%
4. There is a statewide goal that every community have 10% of its housing affordable. What percentage has Arlington achieved? (pg. 10)
ANSWER: 6.54%
5. What strategy for creating more affordable housing was most popular with survey respondents? (Pg. 13) **ANSWER: Policy change to incentivize the development of affordable or multifamily housing.**
6. Does the Trust plan to work on creating more affordable housing or preserving the affordable housing we have? (Pg. 17). **ANSWER: Both!**
7. What three entities own most of Arlington's current affordable housing? (pg. 22)
ANSWER: AHA (711 units), HCA (150 units), and the private entity that owns Millbrook Square (136 units).
8. Has the Town created a source of sustainable, long-term funding for the Trust? (Pg. 8)
ANSWER: No, not yet. Please advocate for a Transfer Fee on real estate transactions.
9. Of the \$26 million dollar development cost for the affordable housing that was recently developed by the HCA, what percentage of the financing came from the Town of Arlington? (pg. 23) **ANSWER: 4%**
10. How much affordable housing subsidy did DHCD award to other communities in the first 8 months of 2022? (Pg. 24) **ANSWER: \$435 million.** How much of this did Arlington request? **ANSWER: None**
11. What percentage of Affordable Housing Survey respondents think new construction of additional housing can improve our community and help address our region's housing shortage or support additional housing if it's how we can best create affordable housing? (Pg. 14)
ANSWER: 75%
12. What two laws can be used to get developers to pay for affordable housing? (Pg. 25) **ANSWER: Inclusionary Zoning and Chapter 40B.**
13. If the Trust's goal of creating an additional 100 units of affordable housing during the term of the Plan, would that increase our rate of producing affordable housing, even since the HCA was founded? (Pg. 36) **Yes, it would more than triple it, from 6 units per year to at least 20.**

Arlington Town Meeting established the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to **create** and **preserve** affordable housing. The Trust is creating an Action Plan to guide how it invests in and creates affordable housing over the next five years.

Learn more about the Trust at tinyurl.com/ArlingtonAH

Sign up to receive news from the Trust, both about the Action Plan and the work we invest in after the plan is complete!

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Have additional thoughts to share or questions about our work? Email us at ArlingtonAHT@gmail.com.